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Disorientation to Reorientation: How Long

As we consider life during the pandemic, how has that been a hard time for us personally and as a church? What and who have we lost? How have we grown in trust and confidence before God?

Prelude Sylvia Gallian

Welcome & Call to Worship O.D. Gingerich

Come gather to worship the God of steadfast love and generous mercy, who hears us when we call.

We come with our questions, with our sorrows and joys.

We come in faith that God is here and hears us.

Come gather to worship the God who accomplished our salvation in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again and now reigns over all.

We come, depending on Jesus who has borne the penalty of sin and death, depending on the Spirit who sighs with us in our sorrows.

Come gather to worship the God who holds us close, who offers comfort and healing, who is our rock and refuge in times of trouble.

We come with joy even in the midst of trial, for God is love and light and life.

All praise and thanks to God!

Prayer

Song Great is Thy Faithfulness HWB 327

Words of Confession & Assurance

We confess that God is love and is ever present with us, yet how often we forget and feel forgotten and alone. We act as if God is hiding from us—when we are the ones who have turned away. We act as if we must bear the pain and sorrow of this world on our own—when God in Jesus Christ has already shouldered our burdens and invites us to come and rest. Forgive us, Lord, for our fear and worry. Forgive us for the part that we have played in the racism and injustice of our world. Remind us that you prevail over every sin, over every injustice, over every wrong that needs to be made right.

Hear now these words of assurance from Romans 8:1-2: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.”

As we have now made our confession, let us receive God’s forgiveness and freedom. For if God has set us free, we are free indeed! So let us live according to the Spirit, confident of God’s steadfast love even amid questions and uncertainty, renewed in our commitment to love kindness and do justice. May we walk in faith, love like Jesus, and hold on to hope. Amen.

Song We’ve Come This Far by Faith VT 599
sung by Menno Singers

Scripture Psalm 13

Sermon Susan Allison Jones

Song of Response Rain Down SJ 49

Communion - Celebrating with the World Wide Church

Sharing Time & Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

May the steadfast love of God
guide your path in the week ahead.
May the sure presence of Jesus
be your comfort and joy every step of the way.
May the Spirit see you through every challenge,
and grant blessed rest at the end of every day. Amen.

Postlude

Upcoming Worship Service

- Oct 3 Disorientation to Reorientation: How Long
Oct 10 Disorientation to Reorientation: Singing a Song
(Thanksgiving Sunday)
Oct 17 Our Indigenous Neighbours Marie Pavey guest speaker

Upcoming Events

- Quilting and Matt Weaving - Tuesday mornings at the church
Annual Business Meeting - November 14 , 11 am. at church

Birthdays:

- October 5, Ray Brenneman
October 7, Katie Koenig

Anniversaries:

- October 8, 1994, Michael & Lia Fewkes

Prayer Requests:

Give thanks for the life of Maxine Varey and what she contributed to our community here at Wilmot. Pray for the executors of her estate, Keith and Lynn Thompson as they both grieve the loss of Maxine and complete the necessary legal requirements.

As we celebrate World Wide Communion, thank God for the witness of the global Christian Church around the world. Pray especially for those who face discrimination.

Give thanks with MennoHomes for the partnerships that made Bridgeport at Lancaster a reality. A “virtual” grand opening of the building was held a week ago.

<https://mennohomes.com/bridgeport-at-lancaster-grand-opening-celebration/>

Congregational Notes:

Fall Worship

The services will be recorded and a copy will be made available on Youtube and on the tablets by the following Wednesday. Worship Services will begin at 10 am.

Book Conversations: Read the novel Gutter Child by Jael Richardson by the end of October and join in on a conversation with others. Talk to Lil about borrowing the church copy.

Annual Business Meeting

The Annual meeting is scheduled for November 14 at 11:00am at the church. If you will be submitting a report for the annual report, please email it to Valerie by October 24.

Sewing Kits

MCC is in desperate need of sewing kits. For the next two weeks we will have a basket at the back of the church for donations to purchase kits. You may also include it in your weekly offerings.

Thank you from Mennonite World Conference

Your church's financial gift makes a difference. Your church's \$500 contribution helps make spaces for relationship-building across cultures, conferences and continents. Thank you for sharing with our Mennonite World Conference global family through your prayers and gifts.

Beyond The Congregation:

Book Launch: Dress in Mediterranean Antiquity: Greeks, Romans, Jews, Christians | Thursday October 7, 7:00 PM EDT
Celebrate the launch of Grebel Professor Alicia J. Batten's new co-edited anthology of religious, anthropological, and sociological insights into understanding the roles of dress as a means of communicating, establishing, and defending identity from ancient society to our contemporary world. Visit grebel.ca/events to reserve your spot for this virtual event.

2021 Benjamin Eby Lecture (CGUC) | Thurs., Oct. 21 7:30 PM
"Composing Louis Riel's Dream: Exploring the history of the Red River Settlement through family stories and music" will be presented by Associate Professor of Music Karen Sunabacka. This virtual lecture will be shared over video, with a Q&A on Zoom to follow. Register your spot at grebel.ca/eby

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is inviting you to "participate" in its first annual Rally for Recreation. It's a great way to get outside while also supporting the work of Hidden Acres. Decide how far you want to walk, hike, bike or run and choose the best course for you near your home. For more information, visit www.hiddenacres.ca.

Global Vaccination Effort (Unicef) Canadians generously donated to UNICEF's #GiveAVax campaign, over \$8,300,000 — which will be matched by the Canadian federal government. This will provide urgently needed vaccines to low-income countries allowing 3.4 million people to be fully vaccinated. (Check ministry team minutes. Did we allot some money for this?)

So What? A Podcast Climate: Science and Faith

So What? is a monthly CMU podcast that draws out key ideas from public events at Canadian Mennonite University. Host Jonas Cornelsen (CMU '16) guides you through these discussions by asking, 'So What?' In this episode Jonas asks, "How does Christian faith inform climate action?" Climate researcher Dr. Katharine Hayhoe discusses the connections between faith and science as CMU's 2017 Scientist in Residence. To listen to this episode, click [here...](#)